

**REMARKS**

Applicant submits this Amendment, together with a Request for Continued Examination, in response to the Notice of Allowance Action mailed on January 11, 2007, in which claims 9-17 were allowed. Claims 9, 11-13 and 15-17 are amended herewith to make minor changes. Applicant submits that the changes are nonsubstantive and do not necessitate further searching or examination.

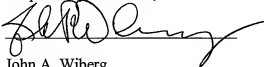
A litigation statement pursuant to MPEP § 2001.06(C) and Information Disclosure Statement are also submitted herewith.

Applicant requests allowance of claims 9-17.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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Respectfully submitted,



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